



James City County Parks and Recreation Park Rangers

The Department of Parks and Recreation began its Park Ranger program in July 2006. There was a strong need identified to provide education on parks as well as rule and park ordinance enforcement. The goal was to provide a safe and positive experience for citizens and visitors using County parks.

James City County Park Rangers are Armed Special Conservators of the Peace which gives them the ability to write summonses and enforce County ordinances. They have the same powers as police, but their jurisdiction is limited to County parks and recreation facilities. These areas incorporate 1,600 acres in 22 parks including athletic fields, trails, the Skate Park, picnic areas, boat ramps, playgrounds, campgrounds and more. The park rangers work closely with County Police Officers who serve as a liaison for the Department to improve enforcement of ordinances in parks.

Park Rangers primarily work to enhance the ranger program, enforce rules/ordinances and inform the public of those rules/ordinances. However, staff also develops learning curriculums for community organizations, school and civic groups, and a variety of other outlets. If you would like a Ranger to attend your community meeting or school class, please contact Rob Insley at 757-259-5365 or robert.insley@jamescitycountyva.gov or Nancy Ellis at 757-259-5370 or nancy.ellis@jamescitycountyva.gov. The Parks Office is located at 5340 Palmer Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

For more information on all County parks, visit us anytime at jamescitycountyva.gov/recreation.

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